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1. MAINTAINING JVR STAFFING APPROPRIATE TO SCREENING OF REFUGEES AT THE APPROXIMATE LEVEL WHICH HAS PREVAILED SINCE LAST SUMMER WILL REQUIRE FOUR MORE POSITIONS THAN LISTED IN REF C. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS WITH PARTICULAR STRESS ON OUTPROCESSING IN BANGKOK MAY REQUIRE RECRUITMENT OF INDIVIDUALS NOT YET IN THE PROGRAM, AND THE RELEASE AS PLANNED APRIL 30 OF TWO OR THREE OF THE FOUR PERSONS ALREADY GIVEN NOTICE AS OF THAT DATE.

2. ON THIS LATTER ISSUE, THE REFUGEE COORDINATOR AND THE JVR REPRESENTATIVE BOTH BELIEVE THAT DEMANDS OF THE PROGRAM REQUIRE A NEW MIX OF EXPERIENCE, FLEXIBILITY, AND SKILLS FOR SOME INVOLVING POSITIONS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT RELATING THESE VIEWS TO PRC HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK.

2. WE RECOMMEND AN AMERICAN JVR CONTINGENT AT THE FOLLOWING LEVEL UNTIL THE DIMENSIONS OF THE PROPOSED LONG RANGE PROGRAM BECOME CLEAR. WE ENVISION A NEED FOR 15 POSITIONS AS FOLLOWS:

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3 INLAND COORDINATORS
6 INLAND CASE WORKERS
BOAT COORDINATOR
BOAT CASE WORKER
STATISTICIAN
TRANSIT CENTER LIAISON OFFICER
VOLAG LIAISON OFFICER

3. THE ABOVE LIST INCLUDES THREE MORE INLAND CAMP CASE WORKERS THAN LISTED IN REF C. GIVEN THE GEOGRAPHICAL DISPERSION OF THE 13 INLAND CAMPS AND OTHER FIXED RESPONSIBILITIES OF CASE WORKERS WHO PROCESS COMPLETED DOSSIERS IN BANGKOK, THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL BE NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH ANY FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL SCREENING.

4. THE TRANSIT CENTER LIAISON OFFICER MONITORS MOVEMENTS FROM THE CAMPS THROUGH THE TRANSIT CENTER TO THE UNITED STATES. ABOUT HALF THIS PERSON'S TIME IS SPENT IN PROBLEM SOLVING AND CRISIS INTERVENTION IN THE CENTER. THIS INDIVIDUAL IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR DEALING WITH MEDICAL HOLDS, WHO REMAIN A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM. THE FUNCTION IS IMPORTANT TO INSURE EXPEDITIOUS MOVEMENT OF APPROVED REFUGEES TO THE UNITED STATES, AND REDUCE THAI COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE SLOWNESS OF OUR PROGRAM.

5. IN ONE OF THE CASES WHICH MAY REQUIRE NEW TALENT, WE ARE FINDING A GROWING NEED FOR A VOLAG LIAISON OFFICER TO COORDINATE THE NOTIFICATION OF APPROVED REFUGEES TO ACVA IN NEW YORK, AND THE RECEIPT OF ASSURANCES FROM ACVA AND THE VOLAGS. JVR MIGHT HAVE TO RECRUIT AN INDIVIDUAL FROM THE UNITED STATES OR LOCALLY FOR THIS POSITION SINCE NONE OF THE CURRENT STAFF NOT EMPLOYED IN OTHER KEY POSITIONS IS SUITED FOR THE POSITION, OR WILLING TO TAKE IT. THERE MAY ALSO BE OTHER POSITIONS REQUIRING A MIX OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND CASE WORK TALENT THAT CANNOT BE FILLED FROM CONFIDENTIAL

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PERSONNEL CURRENTLY ON HAND.

6. THE ABOVE COVERS AMERICAN JVR PERSONNEL ONLY. WE PLAN NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE AUTHORIZED LOCAL STAFF LEVEL OF 25 TO 30.

7. DANIELS IS DOING A SUPERB JOB AS THE HMONG ETHNIC AFFAIRS OFFICER. THE AMBASSADOR STRONGLY RECOMMENDS HIS INDEFINITE EXTENSION IN THAILAND. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT TAKING THE INITIATIVE TO INSURE THAT DANIELS STAYS ON HERE. WHITEHOUSE

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